



Call to Order

Brad Pickhardt, MD called to order the regular meeting of the State Trauma Care Committee at 1200 on May 14, 2014 in Helena, MT.

The following persons were present:

Members Present: Elaine Schuchard, Lauri Jackson, Sam Miller, Dennis Maier, Brad Pickhardt, Leah Emerson, Tim Sinton, Roberta Shupe, and Brad Von Bergen

Via teleconference or telephone: Justin Grohs, Randi Koehn and Barry McKenzie. Anne Steber, Trauma Coordinator at Chester. Harry Sibold via telephone

Absent: Becky Arbuckle, Freddy Bartoletti, Don Whalen, Rick Haraldson, Sid Williamson and Joy Fortin

Guests: Megan Hamilton, Shari Graham, Jim DeTienne, Alyssa Sexton, Carol Kussman, Gail Hatch, Robin Suzor.

Motion made to approve February 2014 minutes.

RTAC Reports

Eastern RTAC

Brad VonBergen

Meeting reviewed from March 6, 2014. Sixteen (16) facilities, plus EMS were present. Many rural challenges discussed. Funds are running tight. Rimrock Trauma conference was held May 2nd and was a success.

Western RTAC

Brad Pickhardt

Meeting reviewed from April 11, 2014. Spring Fever was held April 12th and was a success. Funds are running low, decision was made to offer scholarships to only volunteer ambulances to attend RMRTS, this year. NW Medstar has assumed ownership and operation of the flight service for St. Pats. Billings Clinic is buying out Community Hospital.

Central RTAC

Lauri Jackson

Meeting reviewed from April 24, 2014. Better attendance with case reviews at meeting. Central region is tracking GCS to ensure consistency with being done and documented. Funds are getting low, so plan is to require involvement at CRTAC in order for participants receive monies for RMRTS.

BOME

Harry Sibold

Version 1.3 of the protocols—current version is available. This version addresses renal insufficiency protocols. BOME full board meeting is May 15th/16th. Will discuss Epi in non-injector form. There is a Medical Director meeting in late summer. Dr. Sibold will be speaking at the RMRTS to clarify licensure changes and protocol changes that took effect January 1, 2014.

Trauma System Update

Alyssa Sexton/Shari Graham/Jim DeTienne

- Public Rules process: Process was started March 11th and is progressing forward. Will attempt to finalize and submit in June. Question on whether CALS should be re-inserted into the Designation Criteria since it was already approved in an earlier version but has somehow dropped off. Discussion on this point and decision was made to reinsert it under Emergency Medicine as the following: *CALS (Comprehensive Advanced Life Support) Provider certification (WITH completion of CALS Trauma Module) may substitute for ATLS Re-certification for Community and Trauma Receiving Facilities.*
- Insurance Concerns: Still continues to be questions and concerns over pre-authorization requirements for air transport. Leah discussed how her facility has made the decision that they will not be pre-authorizing flights. Questions came up as to how we get these other services to the table to discuss concerns. MHA is aware of the situation, but it is unknown if any further progress has been made on reversing this requirement.
- Trauma Strategic Plan: Last trauma system plan was 2003. No STCC strategic plan has ever been formulated. Provided a handout on the legislative obligations of STCC. Jim discussed how EMS completed their strategic plan recently and how we need to do the same. EMS strategic plan was handed out and everyone asked to review and then come to the next meeting with strategies and focus areas we want to develop specific to trauma system. Whole process will take several meetings, incorporated with normal business, to complete.
- Shari provided an EMS data update: 2013 had 32,290 records submitted. Currently exporting to NEMSIS.
- Air Medical workgroup is now meeting quarterly. Met May 13th. Discussed tan channel for ground-to-air and flight dispatch should really be assisting small facilities if they are unavailable to take the call. Calls will be scheduled second Wednesday of every 3rd month (day prior to STCC).
- EMD: 39% of centers are using EMD. Flex funding is approved for online continuing education for EMD dispatchers. Next class is in Flathead County end of May.
- PHTLS funding in 2015 is currently unknown. Upcoming courses: West Yellowstone May 16 & 17, Hamilton July 24 & 25. 2015 pending funding Colstrip and Havre. Training sites – Kalispell,

Missoula, Hamilton. NAEMT EMS Safety Course Nov. 13, Billings preconference Big Sky EMS Education Symposium

- Web-based Competency Based Training for all levels of prehospital Emergency Medical Responders. Online content as well as a practical skills evaluation component. Practical Skills evaluator workshops to be held in Havre, Garfield Co., Billings, Livingston, Bozeman, Kalispell June 16-21.
- ECC: Meeting quarterly. Need to fill Medical Director positions Next meeting Aug. 5 WebEx
- May 18-24 is EMS week: "EMS: Dedicated. For Life." EMSTS Awards for 2014 EMS System Award, EMS Service Award, EMS Provider Award to be presented May 21, 10:00 a.m. by Richard Oppen, DPPHS Director at the Capitol Rotunda.
- Jim discussed the Pediatric Ready grant which is now in its 2nd year. Has already done the assessment in Eastern & Central regions and is moving west. Grant is utilizing tele-health. Discussing at facilities that this is not a St. Vincent's only grant. It is a State of Montana grant. Have noticed that larger facilities have silos between their trauma and pediatric programs.

Subcommittee Reports

Performance Improvement Committee/EP

Dr. Pickhardt

- Designation:
 - Recommend that Ruby Valley Hospital not be re-designated as a Trauma Receiving Facility, at this time.
 - Recommend that Livingston Memorial Hospital receive provisional approval as a Community Trauma Hospital for 1 year.
 - Recommend that Beartooth Billings Clinic receive full designation as a Trauma Receiving Facility for 3 years.

It was announced Kim Todd is not renewing her contract for designation site reviews. This will be a challenge in the short term. Dr. Pickhardt asked that one strategy be to continue to develop a mature designation system that needs to be sustainable and be able and ready to review regional level hospitals.

We had a discussion about the new ACS requirements for Level II which includes in-house anesthesia, in-house OR, board certified in critical care ICU and increase in CME. These may not be affordable for many Montana Level II's. State office needs to be ready and trained to perform Level II designations. The State of Montana designation system is currently free for facilities. Should facilities have to pay for designation? So far EMSTS has philosophically said no due to this being a volunteer system. However, the authority under statute is not restricted and it may just require a rule change addition. The entire operating budget for the office is \$150,000 for the whole program. Rural Flex Funding has been available for CAH surgeon reviews.

Education Committee

Lauri Jackson

- RMRTS – Planning going VERY well.
- MTS –web-based Collector is coming. Need to update the data dictionary
- TEAM Course Train-the-trainer for geriatric & TEAM course to occur tomorrow
- BOME clarification Protocols for TXA, c-spine, licensure. Would like 1 page of translation. Laurie to draft a letter to BOME asking for clarification and send it to Alyssa for review in next 30 days.
- Midlevels need ATLS if caring for trauma patients
- PCAR: July 30 & 31st
- Beyond the Moment of Impact: June 13th

Regional PI Discussion

Carol Kussman

- Trauma data presented for 2013. Note: Montana doesn't include hip fractures in our registry.
- list of Items shown by region for benchmarking across the state:
 - GCS ≤ 8 without advanced airway support—5 have been referred for review
 - ED Dwell Time—most are 3 hours
 - Under-triage resulting in no TTA (with a specific focus on geriatrics)
 - Transfer of patient after admission to facility—8 were transferred >12 hrs.
 - Transfer of patient out of state—108 were transferred out of state

Public Comment

None received

Adjournment

Dr. Pickhardt closed the meeting at 1435

The next State Trauma Care Committee meeting will be held in Helena, August 13, 2014